



# Minutes

## Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

**PRESENT:** Rome, McCann, Cheu and Clark

**ABSENT:** Chris Hauge, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kathrine Hardt-Mason, and Lisa Aragon

**STAFF:** Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad

**DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA:** Ms. Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bob Eltgroth congratulated the committee on their recognition of an honorable mention designation by the League of American Bicyclists. Mr. Eltgroth also volunteered to help with the next round of applications.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the August 24, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **ORAL REPORTS:**

#### **\* Trails Master Plan Grant Status**

Ms. Behzad reported that City staff is in the process of scheduling a meeting in November for the committee to review the revised version of the City of Morgan Hill Trails and Natural Resources Study.

#### **2. Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update (BPAC)**

Member Rome mentioned that the Draft Countywide Bicycle Plan and Bicycle Plan Update Part 1 – Setting and Policy Framework were distributed. Member Rome asked other BTAC members to

review and send her back any comments they have so she can take them back to BPAC/VTa. She also invited other members to attend any BPAC meetings as interested public parties.

### **3. Parks and Recreation Representative**

Ms. Hardt Mason was not present.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Questions from BTAC to Morgan Hill Police Department Regarding Bicycle Safety**

Ms. Behzad introduced Officers Brazeal and Palsgrove from the City of Morgan Hill Police Department. BTAC members asked questions regarding licensing, educational programs, crime prevention programs, the number of bike related accidents and various safety programs. Officer Brazeal explained that they previously received grants which were used to fund the bicycle educational program. Members asked if he would look at which grants they received previously so we can apply for the grants again. Officer Brazeal also added that Officer Palsgrove will be involved with the bicycle programs and he will be reporting back to this committee. It was agreed that the police department will come back to BTAC every quarter to report on bicycle programs and to answer questions for the members.

### **2. City Council's Utility and Environmental Plan**

This item was continued until January.

### **3. Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report**

Ms. Behzad presented the Bikeways Master Plan quarterly report and asked if there were any comments or questions. Mr. Clark requested an updated city limit line map for all members. The members also discussed the new scope of project for West Little Llagas Bike Trail as some portions of this project have already been completed. Grants were also discussed, such as Safe Routes 2 Schools (SR2S). Ms. Behzad noted that most of these comments will be addressed when the Bikeways Master Plan is updated in the near future.

### **4. Bike Parking at Various Community Events**

Chair Clark mentioned that the kick off meeting for the next Taste of Morgan Hill is scheduled for March 2007. The issues discussed to raise at the next kick off meeting are the location of the parking, signage and advertisements to announce the bicycle parking at these events. Members also voted to provide parking at the CRC grand opening.

### **5. Fundraising/Licensing/Raffle**

Members all agreed to raffle the donated bikes at the end of ground opening ceremony for CRC on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising and licensing will be discussed at a future meeting with the Police Department's involvement.

**6. Countywide Bicycle Plan Update**

Members discussed asking the County for help when applying for SR2S grant. Access to both the new and the existing shopping centers on Cochrane was discussed.

**7. Cancel or Reschedule November & December Meetings**

Members voted to cancel both November and December meetings. They also voted to have a special meeting for early December which was scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 at the City Council or Public Works Conference Room if the Council Chambers is not available.

**8. Wildlife Trail Grand Opening**

Ms. Behzad announced that the grand opening is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. She also mentioned that staff has been working on an agenda and would like to have the BTAC members introduced at the ceremony. Mr. Clark mentioned that he would be present to staff the bicycle parking and invited other members to join him

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New BTAC member was announced: Lisa Aragon  
Available applications to recruit new BTAC members

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Status of Trails Master Plan
- Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report at January, 2007 meeting
- Police Department Representative at the January meeting
- Fundraising / Licensing
- Invite Bikeways Master Plan Consultant to future BTAC meeting
- Compile a list of all the intersections that do not have bike detection loops
- Forming a subcommittee to organize parking at the various community events & working on the Bicycle Friendly Community Application

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2006 at 6:15 pm.